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Paragraphs 1 -5 of the Office Action

Claims 1 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 5,469,998 to Van Dusen et al. in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,089,431 to Heyworth. Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Van Dusen et al. and Heyworth as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent Number 2,772,826 to Krengel. Claims 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Van Dusen et al. and Heyworth as applied to claim 5 above, and further in view of Miller. Claims 2 and 3 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claim 2. Based on the statements of the Examiner and the teachings of the prior art, it is believed that claim 1 and all claims depending from claim 1 are in condition for allowance. The applicant has removed the new matter from claim 1.

The applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

20 Paragraph 7 of the Office Action

The Examiner has made a statement regarding the figures with respect to the adjustable pole portion and the wing nut. The applicant respectfully submits that the drawings are proper as the adjustable pole portion has not been claimed and a pole, whether or not it is telescopic, is still a pole. As second portion was described in the specification, its exact structure is irrelevant as the Figures are only an example of what the invention structure. With respect to the wing nut, the applicant did describe a threaded coupler which is what a wing nut is. Therefore, it is again submitted that the drawings do not include new matter.

CONCLUSION

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In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early consideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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